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SUBJ: ARRANGEMENTS FOR WILLIAM D. RUCKELSHAUS'
VISIT.

REF: A. STATE 266883.

B. CANBERRA 7856.

C. CANBERRA 7847.

D. STATE 261252.

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A. AND HAS DISCUSSED MR. RUCKELSHAUS' VISIT WITH OFFICIALS OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT (AGD) AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (DEC).

2. MICHAEL SEXTON, AGD, WHO WILL MEET MR. RUCKELSHAUS AT SYDNEY AIRPORT UPON LATTER'S ARRIVAL 8:05 AM DECEMBER 11, STATES HE HAS RESERVED SINGLE ROOM AT WENTWORTH HOTEL. CONFIRMING PARA 3 REF A, SEXTON ALSO SAYS VARIOUS AGD OFFICIALS PLAN TO MEET WITH MR. RUCKELSHAUS DECEMBER 16 AND 17 AT STILL UNSPECIFIED TIMES AND HOPE HE WILL KEEP SCHEDULE OPEN THOSE DAYS. EMBASSY WILL THEREFORE TRY TO ARRANGE CANBERRA TAPINGS FOR RADIO BROADCASTS (REF B) ON DECEMBER 16 SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH AGD APPOINTMENTS. SYDNEY MEDIA PROGRAMMING DEC. 17 WILL DEPEND UPON HIS AVAILABILITY. SEXTON ALSO STATES AGD HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM MR. UNCLASSIFIED

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RUCKELSHAUS INDICATING HIS PLAN TO DEPART AUSTRALIA

FOR U.S. ON DEC. 17 VICE DEC. 18 OR 19, AS INDICATED
REF D.

3. DEC OFFICIALS STATE THAT E-C MINISTER CASS WILL NOT BE IN CANBERRA DURING VISIT. DR. DONALD MCMICHAEL, SECRETARY (PERMANENT HEAD) OF DEC WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR 4 PM APPOINTMENT ON DECEMBER 12. THIS WOULD REQUIRE CANBERRA ARRIVAL EARLIER THAN 4:55PM ABOARD TN425 MENTIONED REF D. EMBASSY HAS TENTATIVELY RESERVED SINGLE FIRST CLASS SEAT ABOARD TN401 ON DEC. 12 DEPARTING SYDNEY 1:40 PM, ARRIVING CANBERRA 2:20 PM. UPON ADVICE FROM MR. RUCKELSHAUS, WE WILL EITHER CANCEL TN 425 RESERVATION AND CONFIRM 4 PM APPOINTMENT WITH MCMICHAEL OR CANCEL BOTH TN401 RESERVATION AND APPOINTMENT.

4. AMB. GREEN, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN DEC. 15, WISHES TO HOST DEC. 16 LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE IN HONOR OF MR. RUCKELSHAUS. CHRISTMAS-SUMMER VACATION HOLIDAYS AND ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT WILL RESULT IN ABSENCE FROM CANBERRA OF MANY LOGICAL INVITEES, BUT SUITABLE GUEST LIST CAN BE DRAWN UP.

5. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE JAMES T. PETTUS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR. ROBERT E. SIMPSON, CHARGE AND ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, WILL MEET MR. RUCKELSHAUS AT CANBERRA AIRPORT.

6. EMBASSY AND CONGEN SYDNEY UNDERSTAND AGD WILL HANDLE DEC. 11-12 STAY IN SYDNEY. CONGEN WILLING TO ASSIST AS REQUIRED.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER MR. RUCKELSHAUS (A) ACCEPTS AMBASSADOR GREEN'S INVITATION TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT DEC. 16 LUNCHEON AND (B) WISHES TO CHANGE DEC. 12 FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO TN401 AND TO SEE DR. MCMICHAEL AT 4 PM THAT DAY. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE WHEN MR. RUCKELSHAUS PLANS TO DEPART AUSTRALIA.
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